

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 11, 2007 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, and 69-101 have been rejected. The Applicants have amended Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, 79, 85, 86, 92-96, and 99. The Applicants have also cancelled Claims 70, 80 and 87 without prejudice. Reconsideration in view of the amendments above and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

It was stated in a previous Office Action that certain prior art documents were not considered, because paper copies of these documents were not supplied by Applicants. In the previous reply, the Applicants have provided copies of the documents with this response along with a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement 1449 originally filed July 27, 2004. However, the present office action does not indicate that those references have been considered. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the prior art references filed July 27, 2004.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, and 69-101 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

However, to expedite prosecution of the application, the Applicants have amended Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, 79, 85, 86, 92-96, and 99 to overcome the rejections. Accordingly, the rejection is overcome and Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66 and 69, 71-79, 81-86 and 88-101 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matters. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

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Respectfully submitted,



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